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Via Email/U.S. Mail

October 3, 2011

FOIA Officer OPA-3
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**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Concerning HVI Cat Canyon, Inc., f/k/a Greka Oil & Gas, Inc.**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 *et seq.*, and on behalf of HVI Cat Canyon, Inc., f/k/a Greka Oil & Gas, Inc. ("Greka"), please provide copies of all public records and writings, as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 2.100(b), in the possession, custody, and/or control of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") that are related to, relied upon for, or associated with:

1. EPA's preparation for and participation in a meeting with United States Congresswoman Lois Capps, representing California's 23 District, on or about April 2, 2008, regarding Greka oil spills, as described in the EPA email chain attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, at EPARC0076235;
2. For the time period from January 1, 2005 to the present, all meetings and communications EPA has had regarding Greka with members of Congress; members of the California State Legislature; elected or appointed officials of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors; council members of the City of Santa Maria, California; and/or any elected or appointed officials of any other state or local agency in the State of California;
3. For the time period from January 1, 2005 to the present, all meetings and communications EPA has had regarding Greka with any employee of any member of Congress; any official or employee of United States Coast Guard, any employee of any member of the California State Legislature; any employee of the Governor's Office of the State of California; any employee of the California Department of Fish

& Game; any employee of the California State Water Resources Control Board; any employee of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region; any employee of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors; any employee of the County of Santa Barbara; any employee of the City of Santa Maria, California; and/or any other local or state agency in California, including the California Office of the Attorney General; and

4. For the time period from January 1, 2005 to the present, any meetings or communications that EPA has had internally with respect to Greka.

Collectively, items 1-4 above are referred to as "EPA Meetings and Communications re Greka."

The materials responsive to this request include but are not limited to:

1. EPA internal correspondence and communications, including but not limited to emails, letters, memoranda, and notes of calls, regarding EPA Meetings and Communications re Greka;
2. Drafts of briefing papers, materials, updates, and any other documents prepared in advance of the EPA Meetings and Communications re Greka;
3. Materials provided at the EPA Meetings and Communications re Greka, including briefing papers, materials, updates, presentation materials, and any other documents; and
4. Correspondence and communications, including but not limited to emails, letters, memoranda, and notes of calls, with third parties, including but not limited to other agencies and employees thereof, regarding the EPA Meetings and Communications re Greka.

Please respond to this request within twenty (20) days after receipt of this letter, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i). To the extent EPA claims the right to withhold any record, or portion of any record, please describe with specificity each and every record, or portion of every record, that is being withheld, along with the claimed reason for exemption on which EPA relies for withholding the record, or portion thereof.

Greka agrees to pay any fees for the direct cost of copying records properly assessed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552 and regulations promulgated thereunder. However, if EPA determines that the requested records are voluminous and/or that it may be easier or less expensive to make some or all of the documents available for copying by an outside copy service, please so notify the writer identified below so that appropriate arrangements can be made. To help EPA

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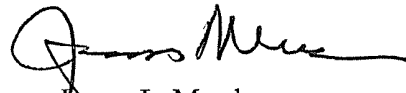
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determine Greka's status for the purpose of assessing fees, EPA should know that Greka is a private business and seeks the above-described information for use in its business.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,



James L. Meeder

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To Wayne Praskins/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

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Subject Re: Fw: REMINDER: "Call Memo" for Briefing Papers - April
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Thanks Wayne! They look great.

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Kathleen -

Rich said you wanted to see these before they went to Brent and Jim:



Congressional Briefing Paper for Halaco - Mar 2008.doc



Congressional Briefing Paper for Riata-Colton - March 2008.doc

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Congressional Meetings with RA & CoS - DUE COB
Tuesday, March 25th

Dear Colleagues:

Just a quick reminder that Wayne and Lynn Kuo will be doing another round of Congressional courtesy visits/meetings on **April 1 - 2, 2008**. A schedule of confirmed meetings to date is included below. Please review the list of scheduled meetings and provide me with any relevant

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briefing papers and/or updates on issues for these Members that may come up during these meetings. We have included a list of potential issues which are likely or could be raised at the meeting. You may also be aware of other issues not listed, or have an issue that you would like Wayne to highlight during the meeting, please include in your submittals. **Thank you to those who have already submitted materials prior to the due date.**

- **Please provide any/all briefing papers, materials, and/or updates to Brent Maier and Jim Vreeland by COB Tuesday, March 25, 2008.** This will allow needed time to finalize the briefing packages for delivery to the RA and CoS by Thursday, March 27th.

Important Note: I have attached at the end of this message the Qs & As that were prepared and submitted by Region IX for the recent Congressional Budget Hearings for your review and consideration for use in the submittals requested in this "call memo".

Meetings Scheduled to Date
Potential Issue(s) to be Raised

Date/Time

Sen. Harry Reid Anaconda/Yerington Mine Site Note: Meeting is with Chris Miller, Issues in Nevada Senior Policy Advisor on Energy and Environment Nevada Air Quality	April 1, 2008 @ 9:00am	Mining
Rep. Dean Heller (R-NV-2) Anaconda/Yerington Mine Site Issues in Nevada	April 1, 2008 @ 10:30am	Mining
Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-38) Gabriel Valley Area 4 Superfund Site — Puente Valley Operable Unit	April 1, 2008 @ 11:00am	San
Operating Industries, Inc. Superfund Site Coast National Freight Gateway Strategy Partnership Agreement		West
Rep. Harry Mitchell (D-AZ-5) issue at Miller Road Treatment Facility (MRTF)	April 1, 2008 @ 12:00noon	TCE
Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI) Wastewater Plant Issues (Sand Island & Honouliuli)	April 1, 2008 @ 1:00pm	

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International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution
from Ships (MARPOL)

Sen. John Ensign (R-NV) April 1, 2008 @ 2:00pm

Anaconda/Yerington Mine Site
Note: Meeting is with Brooke Allmon,
Mining Issues in Nevada
Director of Nevada Legislative Affairs
Nevada Air Quality

Lake

Tahoe

Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-HI) April 1, 2008 @ 3:00pm

Wastewater Plant Issues (Sand Island & Honouliuli)

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution
from Ships (MARPOL)

Rep. Shelly Berkley (D-NV-1) April 1, 2008 @ 4:00pm
Nevada Air Quality

Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA-17) April 2, 2008 @ 9:15-9:45am
Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) NOA

Fort

Ord

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ-8) April 2, 2008 @ 11:00am

Air

Quality in Southeast Arizona

Mining

in Southern Arizona

U.S./Mexico Border 2012 Program

Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA-23)

April 2, 2008 @ 11:30am

Greka

Oil Spills

Halaco

Superfund Site

Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-7)

April 2, 2008 @ 1:00pm

U.S./Mexico Border 2012 Program

Air

Quality in Southwest Arizona

Rep. Laura Richardson (D-CA-37)

April 2, 2008 @ 2:00pm

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Los Angeles/Port of Long Beach Air Quality

West

Coast Collaborative

Rep. Ed Pastor (D-AZ-4)
Phoenix Air Quality

April 2, 2008 @ 2:30pm

Scheduling Request Pending

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
Rocketdyne - Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL)

West Coast National Freight Gateway

Strategy

Partnership Agreement

Rialto-Colton Perchlorate

San

Joaquin and Central Valley Air Quality

South

Coast Air Quality

Torres

Martinez Collaborative

Access to Briefing Papers Database: If you would like to see what briefing papers currently exist in the Region IX Briefing Papers Database to help your staff prepare updates to briefing papers, here is the "icon" that you can double-click and install on your workspace. You can see the briefing papers that currently exist in our database, by State or program, and further categorized by Division. **Under the category listing of "Congressional Visits" you can see what briefing papers were done for the latest round of Congressional visits in 2007.** Please check the briefing papers database for any existing materials, only minor changes/updates may be necessary in many cases.

❖ **Double-click on icon to the left to open and install the Briefing Papers Database on your workspace.** If you or anyone on your staff have any problems accessing the database, please contact Brent Maier for assistance.

Format for Briefing Papers:

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Here are links to the Members' respective websites and Congressional district maps:

Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV)
<http://reid.senate.gov/>

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Rep. Dean Heller (R-NV-2)

<http://heller.house.gov/>

<http://heller.house.gov/district.shtml>

Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-38)

<http://www.napolitano.house.gov/>

<http://www.napolitano.house.gov/district/infoandmaps.html>

Rep. Harry Mitchell (D-AZ-5)

<http://mitchell.house.gov/>

<http://mitchell.house.gov/fifthdistrict/default.asp?ID=12>

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI)

<http://www.senate.gov/~inouye/>

Sen. John Ensign (R-NV)

<http://ensign.senate.gov/>

Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-HI)

<http://akaka.senate.gov/public/index.cfm>

Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-NV-1)

<http://berkley.house.gov/>

<http://berkley.house.gov/district/map.html>

Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA-17)

<http://www.farr.house.gov/>

http://www.farr.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=82&Itemid=33

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ-8)

<http://giffords.house.gov/>

<http://giffords.house.gov/district/map-of-cd08/index.shtml>

Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA-23)

<http://www.house.gov/capps/>

<http://www.calvoter.org/voter/maps/congress/CD23.pdf>

Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-7)

<http://grijalva.house.gov/>

<http://grijalva.house.gov/?sectionid=7§iontree=7>

Rep. Laura Richardson (D-CA-37)

<http://richardson.house.gov/>

<http://richardson.house.gov/district.shtml>

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Rep. Ed Pastor (D-AZ-4)

<http://www.edpastor.com/>

<http://www.edpastor.com/district.html>

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

<http://feinstein.senate.gov/public/>

Os & As Prepared and Submitted by Region IX for the recent FY2009 Congressional Budget Hearings

[attachment "Sen. Feinstein - Q&A on Torres Martinez Solid Waste Issue.doc" deleted by Wayne Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] (Waste Division) **Illegal dumping on the Torres Martínez Indian Reservation**

[attachment "Sen. Dianne Feinstein - Q&A - San Joaquin Valley Air Quality.doc" deleted by Wayne Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] (Air Division) **San Joaquin Valley Air Quality**

[attachment "Sen. Dianne Feinstein - Q&A - Lake Tahoe.doc" deleted by Wayne Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] (Water Division) **Lake Tahoe**

[attachment "Administrator Q&A - Freight Gateway for FY2009 Appropriations Hearing.doc" deleted by Wayne Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] (CED) **Southern California National Freight Gateway Collaboration Agreement**

[attachment "Fact Sheet Format for FY2008 Budget Hearings - Rialto-Colton.doc" deleted by Wayne Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] (SFD) **Perchlorate Contamination in the Rialto-Colton Basin**

[attachment "Rialto Colton Feinstein Q&A.doc" deleted by Wayne Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] (SFD) **Rialto-Colton - Water Replacement Orders - Q&A**

[attachment "Santa Susana Field Laboratory - Q&A for Budget Hearing.doc" deleted by Wayne Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] (SFD) **Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL)**

[attachment "CongressionalFactSheet.2008.HuntersPt.doc" deleted by Wayne Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] (SFD) **Accelerated Cleanup at Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard**

[attachment "Sen. Dianne Feinstein - Q&A on Anaconda-Yerington Copper Mine.doc" deleted by Wayne Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] (SFD) (Former) **Anaconda/Yerington Copper Mine**

[attachment "Fact Sheet for FY2008 Budget Hearings.Domenici.doc" deleted by Wayne Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] (SFD) **Environmental Impacts of Uranium Mines on the Navajo Reservation**

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Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] **(AIR) (Rep. Ed Pastor) Phoenix Air
Quality**

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Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] **(SFD) (Rep. Jerry Lewis) Rialto-Colton Perchlorate
Contamination**

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Praskins/R9/USEPA/US] **(SFD) San Fernando Valley Groundwater
Contamination**

Thank you in advance for you and your staff's cooperation and assistance with this request.
Please give me (7-4256) or Jim Vreeland (7-4298) a call if you have any questions or need any
additional information.

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